THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION NO : 17903 of 2005

FRIDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

Between:

1 K. Achari S/o. K. Appa Rao
R/o. Gopalapuram, VIsakhapatnam,
2 K. Sankar Rao S/o. Narasimhulu
R/o. Gopalapuram, VIsakhapatnam,

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The COmmissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam District,
2 The Superintendent of Police, Visakhapatnam Rural , Visakhapatnam

District,
3 The Superintendent of Police, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District,

.....RESPONDENTS

The Court, at the stage of admission, made the following:

Oral order:-

The petitioners state that they eke out their livelihood by arranging skill games such as ring throw; ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., as mobile vendors. They state, that these games involve skill and are thus excluded from the ambit of the A.P. Gaming Act, 1974 (for short 'the Act') *qua* Section 15 of the Act. They also assert that they are not involved in any other activities prohibited either under the Act or any other legislation. Yet, the petitioners complain, the officials of the respondents are interfering with the petitioners' legitimate activities and not permitting them to pursue their business of skill games. In the circumstances, the writ petition is filed for appropriate relief.

Learned Government Pleader for Home concedes the legal position that the respondents are not entitled to interfere in any legitimate activity of a citizen, including the petitioners, in respect of exhibition of skill games such as ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., which are games of skills.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents not to interfere with the legitimate business of the petitioners. No costs.

GODA RAGHURAM, J

Dated: 12-08-2005

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